



Sault Ste. Marie
Public Library



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Our Mission

The Sault Ste. Marie Public Library provides opportunities to discover, learn, and grow. We serve as a community partner offering spaces, resources, and connections which contribute to quality of life.

Our Vision

A diverse and welcoming community hub, the Sault Ste. Marie Public Library fuels innovation, demonstrates leadership, and promotes literacy aligned with our growing community. We strive to deliver library service for all, driven by knowledge sharing, partnerships, and new opportunities.

2024 STATISTICS



Average of 683 Items Checked Out Daily

A total of 231,676 physical items were checked out in 2024 during the days the Library was open

+21,00 More eResources Downloaded

Compared to 2023 downloads for eBooks, downloadable audiobooks, eMagazines and other downloadable media content

3.5 % Increase in Program Attendance

A total attendance of 31,552 in 2024, with an average of more than 2 programs offered daily.

Membership has Increased by 48%

In 2019, the Library had 18,159 members. This number has increased to 26,974 over 5 years



Strategic Plan

In 2024 the Library launched its new 5-year Strategic Plan, the first since the previous one expired in 2018. It includes 5 Strategic Priorities each with its own set of goals and objectives. In total, there are 268 action items which staff have been working on. Here is how we did after the first year:



Ongoing Challenges

- Safety and Security
- Aging James L. McIntyre Centennial Building
- Meeting Technology Needs
- Value of CAD (*affects costs of Books and Software*)

